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Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and
Response to Advisory Action Mailed on December 22, 2007

Dear Sir:

I am the applicant and the independent inventor named in the subject patent application. Attached, please find a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), together with my response to the Advisory Action mailed on December 22, 2006.

Also, attached please find a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a), as well as a credit card payment form in the amount of \$620.00. In addition, a corrected set of drawing sheets in compliance with CFR 1.121(d) are attached.

Sincerely

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Dr. Nabil N. Ghaly

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